

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This action is responsive to the Amendment filed on 27 March 2008. Claim 1 has been amended. Claim 19 has been cancelled. Claims 2-14 have been withdrawn without traverse. Claims 1-18 and 20-22 are pending in the application.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 29 November 2007 has been considered by the examiner.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 8-11, filed 27 March 2008, with respect to claims 1, 15-18, and 20-22 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections/objections of claims 1, 15-18, and 20-22 have been withdrawn.

Election/Restrictions

4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 2-14 directed to invention(s) non-elected without traverse. **Accordingly, claims 2-14 have been cancelled.**

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 2-14 are cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claims 1, 15-18, and 20-22 are allowed.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kevin S. Wood whose telephone number is (571) 272-2364. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (7am - 5:30 pm).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rodney B. Bovernick can be reached on (571) 272-2344. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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